

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Cheryl Deaton upon being named Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cheryl Deaton, a fourth grade teacher at Pigeon Forge Primary School, is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deaton was recently chosen as the 2011 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she was also named the Sevier County Teacher of the Year in 2010 in recognition of her dedicated service at Pigeon Forge Primary in Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary woman has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for thirty-four exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deaton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to colleagues and students alike, her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her personality and the way in which she engages her students has been described by her acquaintances as "exciting, intriguing, challenging, and authentic"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deaton truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Cheryl Deaton on being chosen as the 2011 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.